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Title of Invention: ROBOT APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD  
THEREFORE, AND ROBOT CHARACTER  
DISCRIMINATING METHOD

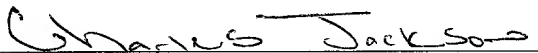
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Amended) The robot apparatus according to claim 35, wherein:

said detecting means detects emotion data or character data from said another robot apparatus; and

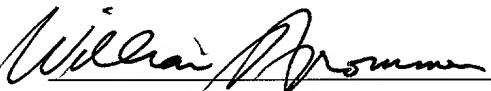
said character discriminating means discriminates a character of said another robot apparatus on the basis of said emotion data or character data.

### **REMARKS**

Claim 37 has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in its claim dependency. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the change made to claim 37 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

37. (Amended) The robot apparatus according to claim [38] 35, wherein:
- said detecting means detects emotion data or character data from said another robot apparatus; and
- said character discriminating means discriminates a character of said another robot apparatus on the basis of said emotion data or character data.

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